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ArubActive event this Sunday in San Nicolas

SAN NICOLAS -- The San Nicolas Business Association (SNBA) announces to its members and the general public, that by request of and organized by IDEFRE -- Aruba's Sport, Physical Education and Recreation Institution -- there will be the grand event Arubactive on Sunday, May 15, from 4:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Various sports and social organizations and institutions will be giving demonstrations, also offering the local community the opportunity to participate in the events.

Center for activities will be the bus terminal in San Nicolas; the main street will remain open to traffic. IDEFRE will announce which roads will be closed off and the route of the event.

All businesses along the route and the shopping center in San Nicolas have the opportunity to open their doors from 4:00 to 7:30 pm. It is also possible to exhibit their merchandise in front of the premises.

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Mississippi flood passes record level at Natchez



MEMPHIS/NEW ORLEANS -- The swollen Mississippi River broke an all-time record level at Natchez, Mississippi, yesterday -- 10 days before its expected crest in the southern city.

The level of the largest river in North America reached 58.37 feet at Natchez yesterday afternoon, according to the National Weather Service, over the record of 58.04 feet in 1937. The river is expected to crest at 64 feet on May 21.

So far, levees along the river are holding, according to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The flood, the result of weeks of rain plus melt from an unusually snowy winter, has resulted in the evacuations of

thousands of people along the river and its tributaries and is expected to submerge 3 million acres of farmland in Mississippi, Tennessee and Arkansas alone.

In Mississippi, residents were bracing for expected record crests at Vicksburg on May 19 and Natchez on May 21 and authorities were warning that up to 5,000 Mississippi residents may be forced to evacuate.

Thunderstorms, possibly severe, are expected tonight into tomorrow, which could bring another inch of rain into the area.

Photo above shows car partially submerged in floodwater at a junk yard in Memphis, Tennessee.

Gingrich first top Republican to declare 2012 bid

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Former US House speaker Newt Gingrich yesterday became the first major Republican candidate to formally throw his hat into the ring for the 2012 White House race.

"Today I am announcing my candidacy for president of the United States," he said in a message on the micro-blogging social network Twitter.

Gingrich, a key figure in the bitter US political wars of the 1990s, is hoping to secure the Republican Party's nomination in the battle for the White House, aiming to oust Democratic rival President Barack Obama.

In the slow-to-form Republican pack, Gingrich is the first major contender to make his bid official.

In an interview with the Washington Times, he vowed to shed his image of being arrogant and disorganized

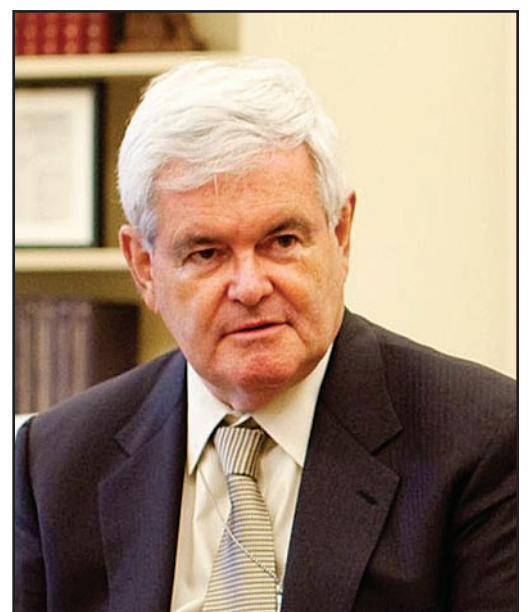
which he won during his tenure as speaker of the House of Representatives in the 1990s..

"My two biggest mistakes were being undisciplined and that I didn't listen enough," he told the daily. "I am working very diligently to be part of a team and to be sure that the team leaders have a lot of input, along with me."

Party insiders are watching former vice presidential nominee Sarah Palin, and former Arkansas governor Mike Huckabee for signs they will run.

Obama, who in 2008 was the first African-American

elected to the presidency, launched his own election bid last month, seeking to win a second four-year term in the White House. He is unlikely to face any serious challengers for the Democratic Party nomination.



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TUESDAY AND FRIDAY: LIVE MUSIC

5.1 quake kills 10, topples buildings in Spain



LORCA, Spain (AFP) - A magnitude 5.1 quake killed at least 10 people in southern Spain on Wednesday, sending buildings crashing down as panicked residents fled for their lives in the deadliest tremor in Spain in more than five decades, officials said.

The quake collapsed fronts of buildings in the southeastern town of Lorca and ripped huge

gaps into walls, which slumped into the streets.

A church clocktower smashed to the ground and narrowly missed one television reporter as he conducted an interview in the town on Spanish public broadcaster TVE. A bronze bell lay in the rubble.

Television images showed shaken families and children gathering in squares and playgrounds in the town, some weeping and hugging as they sought safety. Masonry and rubble blanketed streets. A corpse lay in the street covered in a rescue blanket.

A line of parked cars lay crushed under tonnes of rubble, photos published in the online edition of El Mundo showed.

The tremor struck at 6:47 pm (1647 GMT) with a depth of 10 kilometres (six miles) and could be felt as far away as the capital Madrid. It hit nearly two hours after a smaller 4.4-magnitude quake.

Ironically, it struck on the same day many residents stayed away from work in the Italian capital Rome fearing a supposed prophecy of a devastating tremor made by a self-taught Italian seismologist who died in 1979.

A doctor said many people had been hurt in the Spanish quake.

The authorities cordoned off the historic centre of Lorca and were evacuating residents.

Some people took blankets to sleep out in the open and the city was organising help for them.

Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero was informed of the disaster while he was in a meeting with King Juan Carlos, the premier's office said in a statement.

Earthquake damages were concentrated in the towns of Lorca and Totana but also spread as far as Albacete and Velez-Rubio in Almeria, the premier's office said.

The government said the quake was magnitude 5.2 but both the Spanish seismological institute and the US Geological Survey estimated the intensity at 5.1.

Residents described confusion in the town of 92,700 inhabitants, which lies 70 kilometres (45 miles) southeast of Murcia.

US sex abuse victim sues Vatican for cover-up

CHICAGO (AFP) - The mother of a Chicago boy abused by a Roman Catholic priest sued the Vatican Wednesday for its alleged role in covering up clergy sex abuse.

The case comes just weeks after a landmark ruling in Oregon in which the Vatican was ordered for the first time to produce documents and answer questions under oath about its role in supervising a priest accused of a long pattern of child sex abuse.

Lawyer Jeffrey Anderson -- who is also pursuing the Oregon case -- said the boy's mother is suing the Holy See out of frustration with its failure to protect children from known abusers.

"The reason we have to do this is because Daniel McCormack is just one of many of-

fenders who've been allowed to offend in secret," Anderson told reporters.

The boy's family reached a \$1.6 million settlement in 2008 with the Archdiocese of Chicago after McCormack pleaded guilty to molesting five boys.

Several boys were abused after McCormack was allowed to continue working at a Catholic school following previous complaints and his 2005 arrest.

"This case is without any merit," said Jeffrey Lena, a lawyer who represents the Holy See in clergy sex abuse cases.

The Vatican has successfully argued in previous cases that while it has spiritual control over clergy, it is not an employer because local dioceses have control over temporal issues.

Libya rebels celebrate capture of Misrata airport



Heavy rebels fighting near Libya's Misrata airport

MISRATA, Libya (AFP) - Libyan rebels captured the strategic Misrata airport on Wednesday after a fierce battle with Moamer Kadhafi's troops, marking their first significant advance in weeks.

The airport of Libya's third-largest city, which had been under siege by loyalist

forces for almost two months, fell to the rebels after fighting that raged through the night, an AFP correspondent said.

By yesterday afternoon, insurgent fighters were in full control, as people celebrated the victory in the streets and others set ablaze tanks left behind by Kadhafi troops.

The airport's capture is significant, as the rebel-held city had been nearly cut off from the outside world, with the port, which has been a repeated target of shelling,

being the only route in or out.

Human rights groups have warned of a looming humanitarian catastrophe in the city of 500,000 people, facing acute shortages of food and medical supplies.

Insurgent forces captured 40 Grad rockets from the regime troops, whose mortar fire wounded 13 rebels, the AFP correspondent said.

A spokesman for the rebel National Transitional Council (NTC) in Benghazi confirmed that Misrata airport had been captured.

Meanwhile UN chief Ban Ki-moon urged Libyan Prime Minister Baghdadi Mahmudi to immediately stop attacks on civilians and called for an "end of fighting in Misrata and elsewhere."

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Gas exploration sparks interest from three sources

But, Valero is not one of them



ORANJESTAD -- Minister of Finance, Mike de Meza confirmed that, indeed, there are three concerns that have expressed an interest in exploring for gas in Aruba. However, Valero Refinery is not one of the interested parties. The government of Aruba, according to the Meza, has been working on a gas project for over a year. This project began after three renowned international companies expressed an interest in obtaining a concession to study and evaluate the possibility of the existence of natural gas in Aruba's territorial waters.

The Aruba government in

turn approached the Dutch government in the Netherlands for their support in providing us with their experts on energy. Together with the Netherlands, Aruba is involved in a research study to ascertain, what is the best and most effective format to use in keeping with our laws.

Energiebeheer Nederland, which are experts in the research and exploration of energy are providing Aruba with the necessary technical assistance. *Toezicht Staatsmijn* of the Netherlands has also been approached. They are an important entity on minerals and on all the procedures to be followed in the mining of minerals.

The various international concerns have made presentations to the government. On the basis of these presentations, a commission was named by the Department of Economic Affairs to prepare a report on the possibilities and seismological study to be effected.

Based on all the information gathered thus far, the Aruba Parliament was requested to organize a hearing

with the Parliamentary commission entrusted with this particular matter, the Department of Economic Affairs of the Netherlands, and with potential partners such as "Gas Unie."

De Meza emphasized that there is to date no signed MOU and that there has not been any conversation with Valero on this matter, nor has Valero expressed any interest in this project.

The companies mentioned are known worldwide and continue to monitor all developments worldwide and they are cognizant of the potential areas to explore. The fact that very close to Aruba, in Venezuelan waters, they discovered one of the largest gas reserves in the Caribbean augmented the interest in these companies to evaluate the areas close to Aruba. The find is so close to Aruba that they are of the opinion that it is very possible that Aruba also has a gas reserve.

On the other hand studies and data collected in the late 80s while searching for oil through the use of modern technology, has created even more interest by these companies. The Minister also reported that the samples collected back then have given indication that our marine bed has a profile which indicates that their could very well be gas in our waters.

Monthly Petroleum Products Price Adaptation

ORANJESTAD -- Gasoline, Diesel and Kerosene are regulated by the government and are adapted monthly based on the development/changes of posted prices. All new sale prices are published on the second Wednesday of each month.

The postings used as the bases for the calculation of petroleum products are derived from the "US Gulf Coast Waterbourne" (USGC). These international prices are published daily in "Platt's Oilgram." In order to stipulate the sale prices per month we calculate the average of the previous month's posting. Hence, to calculate the price for the month of May we use the average posting of the month of April.

In order to calculate the maximum sale price we use a price structure which consists of different components. These components may be changed solely with the pre-approval of the Minister of Economic Affairs.

The price structure consists of the purchase price (postings), transportation charges, insurance, loss through evaporation, margin of profit for wholesale and retail, excise taxation, and BBO (turnover tax revenues). In the case of gasoline, there is a component in the price structure of subsidization of 1.5 cents for each subsidized liter. Likewise, the sale of

LPG Gas for domestic use is also subsidized. This subsidy is applicable to the LPG importer who delivers gas at a reduced price.

The different components in the price structure are the postings and absolute. The variable components in the price structure are the postings and the BBO which are relative.

Monthly changes of the selling price for petroleum products mentioned above are due to external factors since the components in the price structure have not changed during the past years.

In keeping with the average posting for the month of April and based on the price structure, the sale prices for petroleum products as of May 11, 2011 will be as follows:

Gasoline unleaded-premium: 251.9 cents p/lit – an increase of 6.1 cents (+6.8%)

Diesel LS: 218.1 cents p/lit – an increase of 7.9 cents (+3.8%)

Kerosene: 215.4 cents p/lit – an increase of 7.2 cents (+3.5%)

The average postings have increased during the past 7 months as a result of different international factors. Aruba has no influence on these factors. Changes in the international price via the postings for May will be reflected in the price of June.

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And now we need more volunteers and ask you whether joining us might be a fun way to fill your spare time. You will meet lots of new people and visitors of the Sanctuary. The foundation that runs the Sanctuary is looking for volunteers for different purposes: people who want to take care of the don-

keys, people who are good with their hands for the technical maintenance, people who want to give information, to show people around or do PR work. Actually, the Donkey Sanctuary could use everyone. Get acquainted with the other side of Aruba and spend your spare time in a fun and useful way. Be aware, though, that once you get to work, it is quite addictive. Most volunteers stay involved with the foundation for a long time and enjoy every moment that they are active.

So please consider spending your spare time in a super fun way and make yourself useful for the Aruban community. Call Desiree Eldering for information or an appointment with her at 593 2933. Just do it!

Cas Animal cont'd Helping dog lovers without the means to help themselves

We continue our series of heartbreaking stories with happy endings from Cas Animal. Those who have regularly followed these articles are aware of the foundation begun by its single volunteer, Kiki Arndt, and how she has made it her life's work to rescue the stray and abused dogs and cats of Aruba. Kiki now cares for 71 dogs and 11 puppies at her home, seeing to their rehabilitation from injury, abuse and sickness as well as feeding, always with the fervent hope that someone will adopt one of those she has saved from nearly certain death or torment.

Kiki has a policy of helping dog lovers who have fallen upon hard times, even though this seriously strains her financially, but she despairs to see a dog put down for an injury that is repairable, and so lost from a loving home, simply because the owners don't have the funds. Such was the case of Gregorio, the victim of a hit and run; his adoring owners had spent all their spare cash to try and save his leg. Unfortunately, the bones were shattered and could not reset properly and he was left with a paw that dragged on the ground. The consequence: it was constantly ulcerated and needed to be amputated, or gangrene was almost certain.

Unfortunately, the owners had serious personal hardship at the time; the man of the house lost his job and his wife fell quite ill, they are now paying for treatment for her in Colombia, which has drained all their ready cash.

Kiki advanced the funds for Gregorio's leg to be amputated at Contreras Clinic, which provides her a hefty discount; however, it was still quite an expensive procedure. The patient is doing just fine, and now they hope to elicit a contribution so they may have his mother neutered and Kiki can recoup some of her desperately needed funds dedicated to all the other dogs in her care, as well as trying to build a proper care facility.

Since coming to live on Aruba 14 years ago, Kiki has been retrieving dogs and cats off the streets and nursing them back to health, while psychologically rehabilitating them to their naturally affectionate and devoted dispositions. They are living proof that a little kindness goes a long way. If you wish to assist with a donation for neutering



Gregorio before surgery



Amputee after with mom

or another hit and run victim that needs eye surgery, call 565-2130 or 742-8732. She has several puppies up for adoption also, and it is not unusual for vacationers to return to their homes with one of our very appealing "cunucu dogs." Just such a story was featured in the February 2011 edition of "Dog Fancy" magazine. Transporting them to the U.S. or Europe is simple and she will walk you through the process.

Donations are also appreciated as it costs an astronomical amount of money to feed all the animals and Kiki maintains her Animal Ambulance to transport sick or injured dogs to the vet's office as a free service when their owners are unable to do so. Contributions can be made through CMB Bank account # 25762110 under the name of Cas Animal.

by Rosalie Klein

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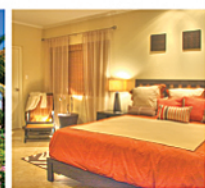
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Ultimate Automobiles invites the entire community to join them at Palm Beach Plaza at 4:00 PM for the introduction of the first MINI models on Aruba; once viewing this new version of a classic you are sure to become a fan. This week they welcomed this prestigious, well known and distinctive MINI vehicle, a crossover version of the Mini that already has won various international awards, such as ALG 2011 for Best Residual Value Vehicle in the Best Sports Vehicle category.

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What a scorcher: 'Hot Jupiter' puzzle explained

PARIS (AFP) — Scientists on Wednesday said they could explain why heat-seared giant planets in other solar systems can mysteriously orbit their star the "wrong" way.

These space oddities belong to a class of planets known as hot Jupiters -- gassy giants that are the size of our own Jupiter but encircle their sun at sometimes scorchingly close distances.

What has bedeviled astronomers is the discovery that in some star systems, the host star spins one way while a hot Jupiter can orbit in the opposite direction.

This throws down a challenge to the yardstick of celestial mechanics, which is our solar system.

In our neighbourhood, all the planets trot obediently around the Sun in the same direction as its own spin. (The solar "day" -- the amount of time it takes for the Sun to complete one revolution at its equator -- is 26 days.)

"We had thought our solar

system was typical in the Universe, but from day one, everything has looked weird in the extrasolar planetary systems. That makes us the oddball really," said Frederic Rasio, an astrophysicist at Northwestern University in Illinois.

In a study published by the science journal Nature, Rasio's team devised a model that, they believe, explains this contra-rotation conundrum.

The researchers start with the theoretical basis of a star that is similar in size to the Sun.

It has a system comprising two large planets that lie relatively close to each other and, initially, are located at a long range from the star. Each orbit the star in the "right" direction.

The idea for the model is that a combination of forces -- a gravitational coupling between the two planets as they near each other, and powerful tides on the innermost planet -- causes this cosy planetary system to break up.

Over a very long time, the inner planet starts to shift into an eccentric needle-shaped orbit, which gradually shrinks.

The planet is hauled in close to the star, creating the hot Jupiter, and in the process its orbit can flip.

But this is something that happens only in about a quarter of hot Jupiter systems that have been observed so far, says the paper.

Until now, one of the theories for explaining the flip was that it occurred in binary systems, where there are two stars, one of which exerted a gravitational tug that caused the planet to reverse course.

More than 500 extrasolar planets have been recorded since the first was detected in 1995.

One of the pioneers in this discipline, Swiss astronomer Didier Queloz, said that as techniques for planet-spotting improved, awareness was growing of the broad range of solar systems compared with our own, neat setup.

French publishers sue Google for book scanning

PARIS (AFP) — Three top French publishers said Wednesday they were suing US Internet giant Google for scanning thousands of their books for its online library without permission.

Publishers Gallimard, Flammarion and Albin Michel lodged a case with a Paris court demanding 9.8 billion euros in damages (\$14 billion) and Google has been issued a summons, a source in Gallimard's legal department told AFP.

The publishers are suing for forgery, demanding the money as payment for nearly 10,000 books they say Google has digitally scanned without permission to make them available online.

The damages are for "a fixed tariff of 1,000 euros per scanned book to which the publishers own the rights," said the legal representative who asked not to be named.

"We limited ourselves to books that we are sure have been reproduced" by Google for its vast worldwide library project, which has already scanned some 12 million

books.

Google responded by insisting its book-scanning activities were legal and said it was examining the summons.

"We were surprised to receive this new claim... We remain convinced of the legality of Google Books and its compliance with French laws and international copyright," it said in a statement.

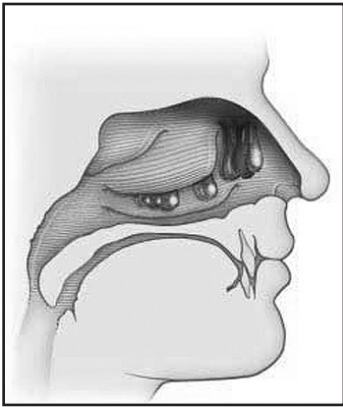
"We are committed to continue working with publishers to help them develop their digital offering and to make their works accessible to Internet users in France and abroad."

Another French publisher, La Martiniere, successfully sued Google over the same issue in 2009. In the United States, a court also overturned a deal Google had struck to scan masses of American books.

In November however Hachette Livre -- the biggest publisher in France and second-biggest worldwide -- licensed Google to scan out-of-print books for which it holds the rights.

Health & Living

Nasal Polyps



Nasal polyps are soft, painless, noncancerous growths on the lining of your nasal passages or sinuses.

Nasal polyps are associated with inflammation of the lining of your nasal passages and sinuses that lasts more than 12 weeks (chronic rhinosinusitis, also known as chronic sinusitis). However, it's possible — and even somewhat more likely — to have chronic sinusitis without nasal polyps.

Nasal polyps themselves are soft and lack sensation, so if they're small you may not be aware you have them. Multiple growths or a large polyp may block your nasal passages and sinuses.

Common signs and symptoms of chronic sinusitis with nasal polyps include:

- *A runny nose
- *Persistent stuffiness
- *Postnasal drip
- *Decreased or absent sense of smell
- *Loss of sense of taste
- *Facial pain or headache
- *Pain in your upper teeth
- *A sense of pressure over your forehead and face
- *Snoring
- *Itching around your eyes

See your doctor if your symptoms last more than 10 days. Symptoms of chronic sinusitis and nasal polyps are similar to those of many other conditions, including the common cold.

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Bayer faces US lawsuit over contraceptive

WASHINGTON (AFP) — The German chemical and pharmaceutical company Bayer faces a US lawsuit on behalf of a teenager who died from a blood clot allegedly linked to its YAZ contraceptive.

Michelle Pfleger, an 18-year-old college student in North Carolina, died of cardiac arrest last September after tak-

ing YAZ, also known as Yasmin or Ocella, to treat acne, according to the complaint filed yesterday.

"One day she was a freshman at college so full of hope and promise and the next she was gone," Pfleger's mother, Joan Cummins said.

"I can only hope that by publicizing what happened to

Michelle, I can keep another family from having to go through this."

The family's attorney, Wendy Fleishman called YAZ a "a dangerous prescription drug sold without adequate warnings about the risks of serious and fatal injuries."

"Bayer failed to warn doctors and patients that YAZ

poses a greater risk of serious side effects than previous generations of oral contraceptives," she added.

Last month two studies in the British Medical Journal found that drugs like YAZ and Yasmin -- which contain the hormone drospirenone -- increase the risk of serious blood clots three-fold or two-fold

compared to earlier-generation oral contraceptives.

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Sanchocho Domincano coming to Cas di Cultura, Sunday, May 15



Sanchocho Dominican crew

The same organizers who brought the island a taste of Cuba with Sazon Cubano last year, are now offering a mélange of Dominican Republic culture and music, aptly named Sanchocho Domincano, which is a native

soup/stew of the nation combining 7 meats and other ingredients. "We are planning a full afternoon of music, film, dance, typical food and exhibits to allow visitors to feel they have been whisked off to this fascinating locale," explained Committee Chairman Mirto Lacle.

The festival will take place inside and outside Aruba's Cas di Cultura in Oranjestad, with a number of activities taking place simultaneously, from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. Musical groups Banda E Squema will be performing, and in the auditorium they will be screening "Sol Caribe" the documentary which is a musical extravaganza that captures a national concert tour celebrating the nation's four rhythms—merengue, bachata, son, and merengue típico by some of the greatest internationally recognized performers of DR.

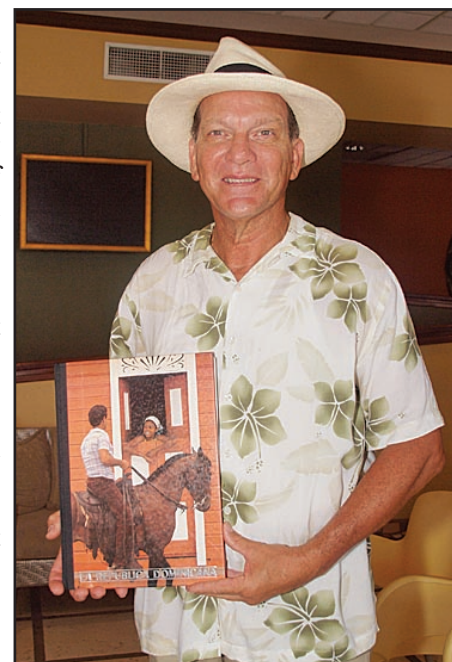
Tentatively scheduled are noted Aruba musicians C-Zar Olarte and Hillward Croes, who has recorded with Chi Chi Peralta and his group. Ana Ramona Garcia-Campos and her dance group Folclorico Cultural Dominicano are also on the program along with a number of other dance groups including Pachanga Dance School and Ballet Folkloric Aruba of William Aristizabal.

Sanchocho Domincano is a celebration of the International Day of Integrated Culture, "and that of the people of the Dominican Republic is long, well-developed and highly respected," noted Mirto Lacle. "Islanders should be particularly interested in their traditions, music and dance, as I believe they are the second largest

group to have migrated to Aruba and it made it their home. They have brought with them many worthwhile aspects of their culture, which are most enjoyable and enlightening."

Tickets for the event are available at Aruba's National Library in Oranjestad; organizers ask a donation of 10 Aruban florins per person, which will help support this annual effort to celebrate the diverse cultures of the Caribbean.

by Rosalie Klein



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Garnier Green Team invites the entire community to join them this Sunday at Grapefield.

For more information, readers may contact Mrs. Lizayra Tromp-Polak at tel. 5920121 or via email lizayra.polak@yahoo.com.



Accept the challenge!

Join The Casino at the Radisson in sending Aruba's special athletes to the 2011 Olympics



Casino Manager Michael Croes does his part

The International Special Olympics Summer Games are coming up the end of June in Athens, Greece, and Aruba's special athletes are struggling to raise the funds to send a delegation to this special event that takes place every four years. Over 7200 athletes from 190 countries compete, and Aruba's tiny delegation has a sterling record of returning home with gold, silver and bronze medals every time they have participated.

The Casino at the Radisson Resort acknowledge they

love winners who bring honor and pride to their home island, and so have a donation box has been placed in the players' area, close to the cashier, where patrons can drop loose change and chips, assisting Aruba's special athletes in their goal of "Going for the Gold in Greece 2011!"

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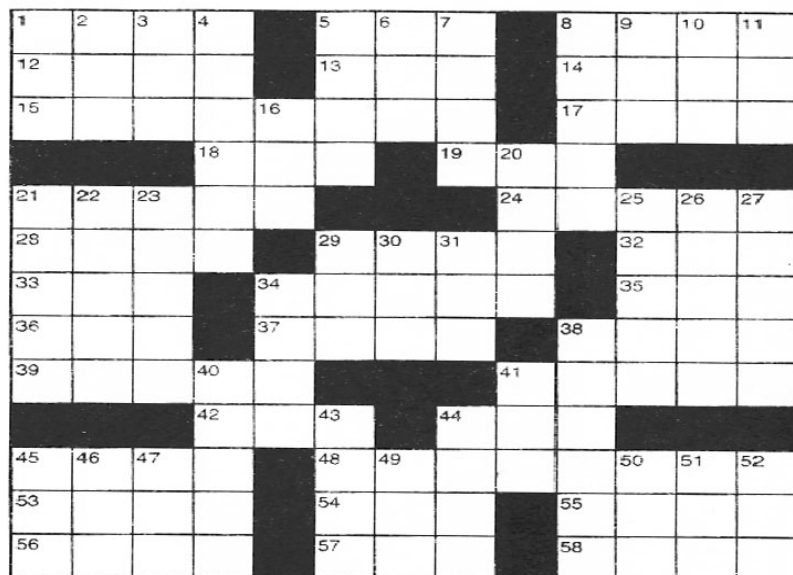
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39. Ivan of tennis
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5. Outline
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9	3	1	6	8	7	2	9	7
6	7	2	3	9	1	8	4	5
9	6	9	4	1	3	2	7	8
7	8	3	2	6	9	1	5	4
1	2	4	8	5	7	9	6	3

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Crude oil prices plunge on demand worries

NEW YORK (AFP) - Crude oil prices dived Wednesday amid signs of slowing demand in the United States and China and a rise in the dollar.

New York's main contract, WTI light sweet crude for June delivery, settled at \$98.21 a barrel, down \$5.67, or 5.5 percent, from Tuesday's closing level.

In London, Brent North Sea crude for delivery in June slid \$5.06 to close at \$112.57 a barrel.

Selling accelerated after the US Department of Energy's latest weekly report on energy reserves, showing another increase in crude stockpiles and an unexpected rise in gasoline reserves in the world's largest oil-consuming nation.

Crude oil stockpiles rose by 3.8 million barrels to 370.3 million in the week ending May 6, the DoE said. The reserves had increased by almost 10 million barrels over the previous two weeks.

Gasoline reserves rose by 1.3 million barrels to 205.8 million, although experts had predicted a decline.

The negative market tone was already in play in pre-market trading in New York as investors digested data that showed China's inflation rate fell slightly in April but was still well above the government's target.

The OPEC cartel on Wednesday held its forecast for world oil demand growth unchanged this year, saying rising consumption in China would make up for the uncertain outlook in the United States and in quake-hit Japan.

"World oil demand is forecast to grow by 1.4 million barrels per day in 2011, broadly unchanged from the previous report," the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) said in its monthly market report.

Gandhi arrested at India farmers' protest



- Indian MP Rahul Gandhi, widely seen as a prime minister-in-waiting, was arrested Wednesday night after joining protesting farmers who allege they were forced from their land to make room for a motorway, reports said. Gandhi was taken into preventative custody after pledging full support to the farmers in villages in Uttar Pradesh state near the capital New Delhi, Press Trust of India news agency reported.

Gandhi, who arrived on a surprise visit riding pillion on a motorbike in the early hours of Wednesday to avoid police deployed there, pledged to support the farmers.

The rising political star is the great-grandson of India's independence prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru and son of late former premier Rajiv Gandhi and Italian-born Sonia Gandhi, who is head of the national ruling Congress party.

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Tips On Finding And Using A Virtual Assistant



A recent question asked for tips on finding and using virtual assistants.

A Virtual Assistant, also referred to as a VA, is technically an administrative assistant. They handle a wide variety of tasks and work to make life and work easier for the busy professional. In most cases, VAs are contracted by small business owners and entrepreneurs.

The key difference between a virtual assistant and an administrative assistant is the fact that the VA is an independent contractor or self-employed individual, while the administrative assistant would be your employee.

When you use a VA, you do not have to worry about taxes, insurance, and a variety of other expenses as you would have to with a traditional employee. Furthermore, a VA takes responsibility for their own equipment and needs, which means further savings for you.

Before choosing a virtual assistant, you need to be clear about just what they'll do for you, as well as your own responsibilities. Furthermore, you should know whether or not you really need a VA. Ask yourself some questions to find out:

1. Are you having trouble meeting deadlines?
2. Are you overwhelmed by the amount of work you have to do?
3. Do you find that you need more help, but cannot hire due to lack of resources or space?
4. Do you not have enough time in the day to get things done?
5. Are you focusing more on administrative duties than you are income-producing activities?
6. Are you spending

your time doing minimum wage work?

If any of these apply, then yes, you might have a need for a virtual assistant.

What Does A Virtual Assistant Do?

A VA has many duties. They are there to help you and your business succeed. Aside from traditional administrative duties, they are also there to help you in outsourcing. When you need more help, whether it is to complete projects on time or because you lack experience in a certain area, a VA can help you find someone to get the job done.

Other duties include:

- Preparing Documents – such as correspondence, presentations, reports, statements, and so forth.
- Data entry
- Research
- Bookkeeping
- Billing
- Reminders
- Mailings
- Emails
- Transcription
- Appointments
- New Client Services
- Paperwork
- And much more.

As you can see, a virtual assistant can literally be the backbone of your business.

What should you look for in a virtual assistant?

Because the VA will be working closely with you, the first thing you want to look for in a VA is a personality that meshes well with your own. Here are some other things that you want to look for:

1. Experience – this is an important factor, however, just having experience as a VA or administrative assistant is not enough. You will need to look for experience in tasks that you will specifically need. The services provided will vary from one virtual assistant to the next, so be sure that they offer services that you will actually need.
2. Organized – Organization is an absolute must. You need your VA to be able to organize your projects, and quickly. You need them to know where everything stands when asked and be able to provide you with an update at the drop of a hat. This does not

mean that they have to memorize everything, but having things organized will make their life, as well as your own, so much easier.

3. Training – Having someone who is a certified virtual assistant or who has taken classes specific to the title is a good idea. Of course, you can also look at experience or degrees if they exist. This goes right along with experience. When they have the right training, they will be more efficient and valuable to your business.

4. Has The Ability To Meet Deadlines – Deadlines are important to any business. If you must meet deadlines regularly, be sure to choose a virtual assistant that takes responsibility and meets any deadline that you set.

5. Communicative – You need a VA that will maintain communication with you regularly. They should report to you, by any means that you choose and keep their channels of communication open and clear during working hours.

You can start finding the right VA now. You can start your search with websites like International Virtual Assistants Association (<http://www.ivaa.org>) or sites with freelancers, like www.elance.com.

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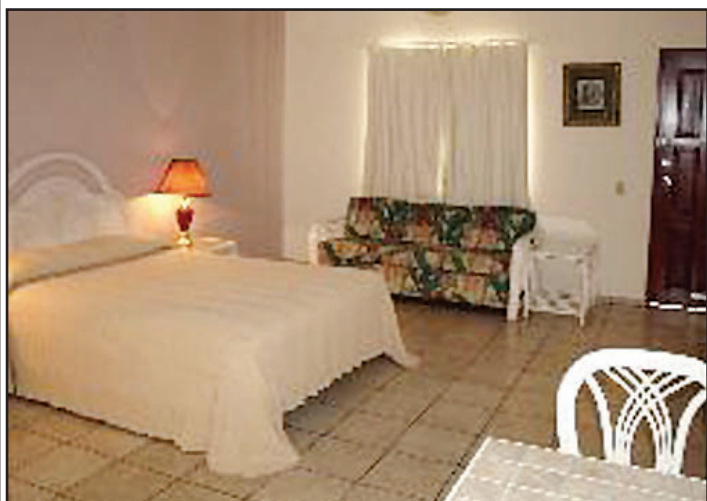
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Welcome to an activity at Aruba you can't miss! When you think of Aruba, you probably think sea, sun and beach. But Aruba has more to offer than that, there're different sort of activities you can do. A must see when you are at Aruba, is the Aruba Ostrich Farm.

Although Africa is the native land of the ostrich, this intriguing bird finds a perfect home in Aruba's rugged landscape. The Aruba Ostrich Farm welcomes you to come and meet its 80-count flock of the largest living species in the world.

Visitors are encouraged to partake in a guided tour of the farm, inhabited by both ostriches and their flightless Australian relatives, emus. The tour provides the opportunity to learn about the natural behavior and survival instincts of these amazing creatures through detailed information as well as personal encounters with the birds.

Before or after the tour, guests are welcome to peruse the African Art Shop, chock-full of authentic goods from South Africa. Or simply relax in the shade of the sprawling Savanna Lodge Bar & Restaurant and sample a delicious ostrich meat dish. Enjoy the panoramic views of the island's northern coast while sipping on a fruity shake or frosty beer from the bar.

The Aruba Ostrich Farm is dedicated to providing a memorable and unique experience for all guests. It's one



of the things you have to do when you are at Aruba.

The ostrich farm is located along the road leading to the Natural Bridge (Matividiri

57). Opening hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with tour ever half hour. Kitchen opening hours are from 10:00 a.m to 4:00 p.m.

U.S. First Lady Michelle Obama promotes fitness

WASHINGTON -- US First Lady Michelle Obama is seen running on the South Lawn of the White House in Washington during an event announcing the creation of a program to promote military family wellness on May 9, 2011.

Joined by standout athletes, from tennis great Billie Jean King to basketball's Grant Hill, Michelle Obama announced three new physical fitness opportunities for military families.

She said fighting the epidemic of childhood obesity has to be a family effort and "it doesn't take money," suggesting long walks after dinner or dancing in the living room.

"This isn't about physical prowess," she said. "It's about movement. And we have to go from sitting to standing to walking to moving."

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Butt dress makes fashion statement



PARIS (AFP) – France's latest fashion statement has nothing to do with haute couture and a lot to do with saving the streets of the city of Paris from the scourge of cigarette butts.

Paris student Flore Garcia Bour, 22, is picking up butts by the hundred from the streets and stitching them painstakingly into a dress in an effort to draw attention to the smelly detritus degrading the city's streets.

The international relations graduate says she does not aim to stop smokers lighting up, just to change their behaviour.

"I have always been revolted by the number of butts

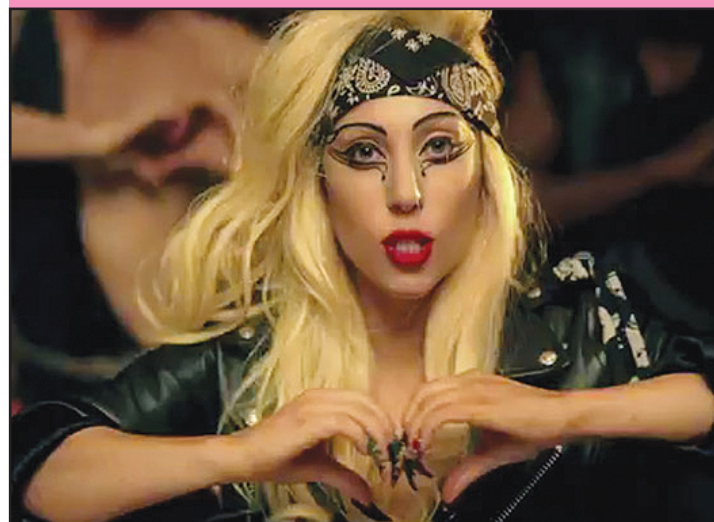
dropped on our streets while it would be simple to change habits and to put them into a rubbish bin," she told AFP.

"I hope my dress shocks smokers and plays a role in making them more aware of the damage they do by throwing their butts away that degrade in 18 months at best or 12 years at worst."

She started stitching the dress on April 26 and plans to finish it on May 15 with cigarette butts collected in jars from all over the city then treated to remove the evil smell.

Her progress can be seen on a blog in French on www.lemegotdefi.com.

Pop queen Lady Gaga hits in online game 'FarmVille'



her look in "Judas" a biker persona ;a little bit goth and a little bit rock and roll,90s emo-chic, and dominatrix
AFP/File Photo

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) – Online social game star Zynga this week said music from pop queen Lady Gaga will be appearing on "FarmVille."

Cuts from Lady Gaga's upcoming "Born This Way" album will make their world debuts on her in-game "GagaVille" farm beginning May 17.

"I want to celebrate and share 'Born This Way' with my little monsters in a special way

that's never been done before," Lady Gaga said.

"Zynga has created a magical place in 'FarmVille' where my fans can come play, and be the first to listen to the album."

Unicorns, crystals, and sheep on motorcycles were among the promised features in "GagaVille", which was only slated to last until the end of the day on May 26.

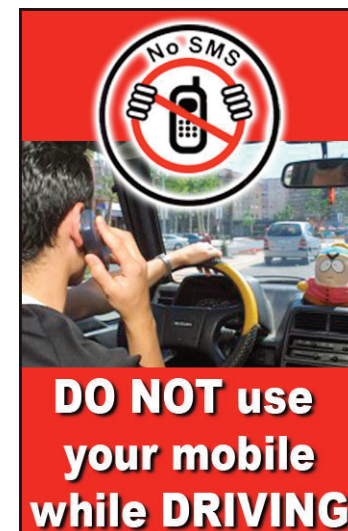
A download of "Born This Way" will be bundled as a free

download with the purchase of special \$25 Zynga cards for in-game transactions.

Zynga will also feature contests to win concert tickets and other Lady Gaga-related goodies.

"We're focused on creating cool new ways to entertain and surprise our players," said Owen Van Natta, executive vice president of business at San Francisco-based Zynga.

"We want to thank Lady Gaga for working with us on this truly great surprise."



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Barcelona clinch Spanish league title with Levante draw



Barcelona's Malian midfielder Seydou Keita (2L) celebrates with teammates after winning Spanish champions.

MADRID, Spain (AFP) — Barcelona were crowned Spanish champions for the third successive season with a 1-1 draw at Levante on Wednesday clinching a 21st domestic title with two games to spare.

Barcelona needed just a point to retain the title and they duly obliged to become the first side to win three consecutive league titles since 1993 when Johan Cruyff's Barcelona 'Dream Team' won the third of their four straight league crowns.

Mali midfielder Seydou Keita headed in a 27th minute opener for Barcelona only for Ecuadorian striker Felipe Caicedo to equalise on 40 minutes, but it didn't matter as a draw gave the Catalan

side the title.

Barcelona stand six points ahead of second-placed Real Madrid and they lift the title courtesy of their superior head to head record over their rivals.

Coach Pep Guardiola has won the league title in each of his three seasons in charge and can now concentrate on going for the double with the Champions League final against Manchester United at Wembley Stadium on May 28.

"Winning the title is always difficult and this one was tough just like the others were before," said Guardiola. "Now we can enjoy this win."

Real Madrid's 4-0 win over Getafe at the Santiago Bernabeu on Tuesday meant

Barcelona had to finish the title job themselves.

Guardiola vowed not to rest his stars and was true to his word as the likes of Lionel Messi, David Villa and Xavi started although Andres Iniesta began on the bench.

French international Eric Abidal also started at left back in his first league start since mid-March having successfully undergone surgery on a liver tumour.

Levante sounded an early warning with Valdo firing just wide but the visitors drew first blood through Keita on 27 minutes.

Xavi picked out midfielder Keita as he made a late run into the box and the Mali midfielder produced a terrific header.

Barcelona had one hand on the trophy but got complacent with Spanish international Gerard Pique making a schoolboy defensive mistake to confuse goalkeeper Victor Valdes and Caicedo was on hand to equalise.

Argentine Messi went close with a free-kick before the interval but at the break the title was in their hands despite a below-par display.

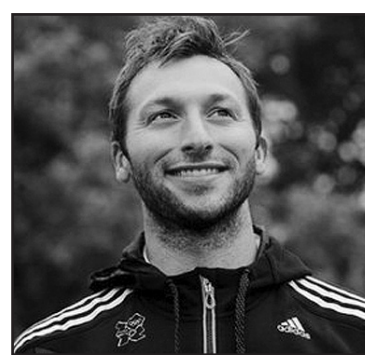
The champions came out with more urgency in the second half and Dutch winger Ibrahim Afellay saw a fierce shot whistle wide.

Messi then took centre stage on 57 minutes with a neat turn and dribble past three men with his quick feet but his shot crashed against the left hand post to safety.

The Ballon D'Or holder then went on another mazy run but his shot crept wide as Barcelona waited for a goal to ease their nerves.

Both teams appeared happy with the draw, with Levante moving four points above the relegation zone, as the game petered out and Barcelona popped the champagne corks.

Swimmer Thorpe reveals Olympic struggles



LONDON, England (AFP) — Australia swimming great Ian Thorpe has tried to calm speculation he could challenge Michael Phelps' supremacy at next year's London Olympics, saying he is currently "not very close to where I was before".

Thorpe is one of the most successful Olympians of all time, having won nine medals in total -- including five golds -- across two Games, at Sydney in 2000 and in Athens four years later.

He quit the sport aged just 24 in 2006 citing a lack of motivation.

But Australia's most decorated Olympian sensationally announced he was coming out of retirement in February.

However, he said the past few months had been grueling.

"At the moment I'm not very close to being where I was before," Thorpe speaking at Hackney's adiZone, a free-to-use exercise centre for children in north-east London, said on Wednesday.

"I'm on track with the level that I thought I would be when we set out the timeframes when I came back but London is getting very close now and it's a real struggle.

"Training hasn't been easy. If it was then everyone would

do it.

"On the whole I'm enjoying it but there are days when it's a struggle. It's really hard to do the training, especially if I'm down and I'm not swimming as well as I'd like.

"The most frustrating part is not being able to do something that you really want to do and remembering how you are supposed to do it."

When he initially announced his return, the 'Thorpedo' said he was aiming to compete in relays alone, but he has since hinted at a return to individual races.

That could lead to him swimming against Phelps.

The United States star won eight medals -- six golds and two bronze -- in Athens before breaking the 36-year-old record set by Mark Spitz, another American swimming legend, for most Olympic titles by winning an astounding eight golds in Beijing three years ago.

Thorpe beat Phelps in "the race of the century" in the 200 metres freestyle in Athens and understands why there is such a clamour for a rematch.

"It may happen. If the Olympic gods strike and we are in the same race at London then it will," said the 28-year-old Thorpe.

Thorpe added: "To come back and win three golds like I did in Sydney would be really nice.

"I would be absolutely overwhelmed if that happened and I know that this is the last chance I have to do it."

Thorpe's international return could come at the World Cup in Singapore in November.



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TAMPA	20	14	.588	--
BOSTON	17	18	.486	3.5
TORONTO	15	20	.429	5.5
BALTIMORE	14	19	.424	5.5

Central

CLEVELAND	22	11	.667	--
KANSAS CITY	18	16	.529	5.5
DETROIT	18	18	.500	9.5
CHICAGO	14	22	.389	9.5
MINNESOTA	12	21	.364	10.0

West

LA ANGELES	20	16	.556	--
OAKLAND	19	17	.528	1.0
TEXAS	18	18	.500	2.0
SEATTLE	16	19	.457	3.5

National League

East

PHILADELPHIA	23	11	.676	--
FLORIDA	20	14	.588	3.0
ATLANTA	20	16	.556	4.0
WASHINGTON	16	18	.471	7.0
NY METS	15	20	.429	8.5

Central

ST. LOUIS	20	15	.571	--
CINCINNATI	19	16	.543	1.0
PITTSBURG	18	17	.514	2.0
CHICAGO	15	18	.455	4.0
MILWAUKEE	15	20	.429	5.0
HOUSTON	13	22	.371	7.0

West

COLORADO	19	14	.576	--
SAN FRANCISCO	18	16	.529	1.5
ARIZONA	15	18	.455	4.0
LA DODGERS	16	20	.444	4.5
SAN DIEGO	14	21	.400	6.0

Pascal vows to KO Hopkins history bid



Boxers Bernard Hopkins (R) of the US and Haitian-born Jean Pascal (L) face off at a news conference March 29, 2011 in New York to announce their May 21 light-heavyweight championship rematch in Montreal. (Photo by Stan MONTREAL (AFP) - Canada's Jean Pascal promised Wednesday to spoil Bernard Hopkins' bid for boxing history next week by knocking out the American veteran and retain his World Boxing Council light heavy-weight title.

"Bernard Hopkins said I was a four-round fighter so I will knock him out inside of four rounds," Pascal said. "You will see that's what I'm able to do."

The Haitian-born champion, who fought Hopkins to a controversial draw last December, makes the fifth defense of the crown he won from Romanian Adrian Diaconu in 2009 in a rematch on May 21 at Montreal, Pascal's home base.

Hopkins, 46, would become the oldest fighter in box-

ing history to win a bout for a major title at 24 days older than George Foreman was in 1996 when he defended his heavyweight crown against German Axel Schulz.

"I have a lot of respect for Foreman. He's a great legend," Pascal said. "If somebody like Foreman believes Hopkins still has what it takes to beat me, a win for me will be even greater. Beating him will bring a lot of credibility."

Pascal, 28, sparked controversy by suggesting Hopkins should take more extensive blood tests, but the champion claimed that he did not mean Hopkins was a dope cheat, only that current tests are ineffective.

"I don't think Bernard is cheating," Pascal said. "Hopkins said I was disrespectful. He said who was I to ask him that. I just wanted to make sure the fans' voices were heard, that they paid for a clean sport."

"I didn't say he was cheating. I said he was a legend and he should lead by example. Why can't Hopkins take the test?"

Pascal said that Olympic fighters face tough World Anti-Doping Agency tests but "a pro fighter has to pass only obsolete tests."

Red Wings beat Sharks to stay alive in NHL playoffs



Mike Modano #90 of the Detroit Red Wings controls the puck in front of Jason Demers #60 of the San Jose Sharks during the second period in Game Six

DETROIT, Michigan (AFP) - Henrik Zetterberg and Valtteri Filppula scored in the space of two minutes in the third period as Detroit rallied for a 3-1 victory over San Jose and stayed alive in the NHL playoffs.

The Red Wings, trying to claw back from an 0-3 deficit in the best-of-seven Western Conference second-round series, have forced a decisive seventh game.

The Sharks must defend their home ice on Thursday

night to avoid becoming the fourth NHL team to lose a best-of-seven series after winning the first three games.

After two scoreless periods, San Jose's Logan Couture scored early in the third but Zetterberg equalised with 9:22 to play and Filppula scored the winner with 7:28 to play.

Darren Helm added an empty-net goal.

It was the first game in the series to be decided by more than one goal.

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Rose leads Bulls charge in win over Hawks

CHICAGO (AFP) — NBA Most Valuable Player Derrick Rose scored 33 points to lead Chicago to a 95-83 victory Tuesday that put the Bulls one win away from reaching the NBA's Eastern Conference finals.

Luol Deng added 23 points for Chicago, who took a three-games-to-two lead in the best-of-seven second-round playoff series.

The last time Chicago reached the conference finals was in 1998, when superstar Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen completed their second NBA title three-peat.

The Hawks will try to rebound today when they host game six.

Taj Gibson came off the bench and scored 11 points for the Bulls, all in the fourth quarter. Rose also scored 11 in the fourth, as Chicago outscored the Hawks 26-15 in the period.

Rose, who needed 32 shots to score 34 points in the Bulls' game-four defeat, made 11-of-24 and handed out nine assists.

Jeff Teague, playing in



Derrick Rose #1 of the Chicago Bulls drives between Jeff Teague #0 (L) and Joe Johnson #2 of the Atlanta Hawks in Game Five

place of injured Kirk Hinrich, had 21 points and Josh Smith added 16 points for the Hawks.

Joe Johnson scored 15 and

Al Horford chipped in 12 points and 10 rebounds for Atlanta.

The winner of the series will play either Miami or

Boston in the conference finals for a chance to take on a team from the West for the NBA crown.

The Heat lead their series

3-1.

While Rose became the youngest MVP in NBA history as he helped the Bulls build the league's best regular-season record, Chicago have had their struggles in these playoffs.

They gave themselves the upper hand over Atlanta, however, with a solid fourth quarter.

"Just playing together," Rose said of Chicago's surge in the final period, in which they trailed 70-69 in the early going but turned things around with a 9-0 scoring run.

"Making sure there's help-side defense. Making everything tough on them, and some of the people that came off the bench, they played tremendous for us."

Midway through the fourth Rose drove to the basket and was fouled, converting the three-point play for an 85-76 Chicago lead.

The Hawks trimmed the deficit to six, only for Chicago to score eight straight points, six of them from Gibson.

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